IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION

WRIT PETITION NO. 2130 OF 2004

Bipin Nathala Dharek ...Petitioner

Versus

The Union of India and Anr. ..Respondents

Ms. Shilpa Kapil for the petitioner.
Mr. S.S. Pakale with Mr. Y.R. Mishra for respondents.

CORAM: **DALVEER BHANDARI, C.J.** &
DR. D.Y. CHANDRACHUD,J.

DATE: AUGUST 13, 2004.

P.C.

The petitioner who is a resident of Nandiya, Dist. Junagadh, State of Gujarat, has filed this petition with a prayer that an error has been committed by the Regional Passport Office, Mumbai, in entering the date of birth as 5th October, 1952 in stead of 5th October, 1953. The prayer is that respondents be directed to correct the error.

2. The learned counsel appearing for the respondents has shown the order passed by the Regional Passport Officer, Mumbai, sometime in July, 2004 in which he has mentioned that he could not rely on the

certificate given by the Gram Panchayat and he demanded the School Leaving Certificate of the petitioner. Admittedly, the petitioner is a Matriculate and he possesses School Leaving Certificate.

3. In our considered opinion, Regional Passport Officer, Mumbai, was justified in demanding School Leaving Certificate for preparation of the passport. We find no merit in this Writ Petition. Writ Petition being devoid of any merit is accordingly dismissed.

The parties be supplied authenticated copies.

CHIEF JUSTICE

DR. D.Y. CHANDRACHUD, J.